

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JEFF J. WALBY,

Plaintiff,

v.

AVIVA USA, an Iowa corporation  
and EXECUTIVE BENEFIT GROUP  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Virgin  
Islands limited partnership,

Defendants.

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No. 2:11-cv-13312  
Hon. George Caram Steeh

EXECUTIVE BENEFIT GROUP  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Virgin  
Islands limited partnership,

Counterclaimant/cross-claimant;

v.

JEFF WALBY, DDS and AVIVA LIFE  
AND ANNUITY COMPANY, an Iowa  
corporation, as successor by merger to  
AmerUs Life Insurance Company;

Counterdefendants and  
Cross-defendants.

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ORDER

On December 23, 2011, counsel for defendant/counterclaimant/cross-claimant Executive Benefit Group Limited Partnership, Edward Barry, filed a motion to be relieved of the requirement of associating local counsel pursuant to Local Rule 83.20(f). On January 8, 2012, Mr. Barry filed a notice indicating that he had spoken with counsel for the plaintiff and for the other defendant and that neither had an objection to his

proceeding without local counsel. The court will expect Mr. Barry to exercise appropriate professional judgment and voluntarily associate with local counsel in the future, should future requirements of the case warrant. In light of the above, the court GRANTS counsel's motion for relief from requirement of associating local counsel (#14).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 10, 2012

S/George Caram Steeh  
GEORGE CARAM STEEH  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon attorneys of record on January 10, 2012, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

S/Josephine Chaffee  
Deputy Clerk